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SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
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MEMORANDUM FOR VERIFICATION PANEL WORKING GROUP

SUBJECT: OSD Representative's Comments on Draft Telegram to
NAC, dated 29 January 1973 (U)

1. (S) The OSD Representative recommends that this telegram not be transmitted. Many of the questions in paragraph 3 could be counterproductive since they could imply U.S. government interest in limits on our FBS. Others inappropriately solicit NAC views on SALT negotiating tactics.

2. (S) The OSD Representative recommends that no substantive statement be sent to NAC but recommends that a senior U.S. official, e.g., Ambassador Farley, be sent to consult informally with NAC.

3. (S) The OSD Representative recommends that the senior U.S. official be instructed:

- to listen to Allied comments and suggestions on FBS;
- not to surface any new U.S. proposal or options not formally raised by the U.S. in a previous consultation;
- to attempt to avoid NATO coalescence around any position.

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